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Northwest Christian College Adopts Retirement Policy

In its June 1948 meeting the Board of Trustees of N.C.C. adopted the policy that any instructor may retire from active service at the age of 65 and must retire at the age of 68. Since all N.C.C. employees are in the Pension Fund it is anticipated that the pension will take care of the younger members of the staff when retirement comes. The Board expects to make adequate provision for older members who have had no time to build up a reserve in the Pension Fund.

Obviously, for the vigorous instructor or worker, retirement need not mean inactivity. It may mean freedom to engage in other such things of worth as writing, lecturing, serving as ad interim minister, etc.

The first faculty member to which the retirement policy applies is Dr. Hoven. Of course he is about a decade beyond the new mandatory retirement age. We are all happy that he has been able to serve so long — 1912 to date as teacher of the Bible. Dr. Hoven plans to live at his home on the McKenzie after the close of the school year. We predict that this will be unfortunate for the fish population of that famous stream.

During the Oregon Preachers Parliament a banquet honoring Dr. Hoven was served. All who could be accomodated in the dining room (about 200) were served. Prof. Ward Rice presided. A biographical skit depicting episodes in the life of Dr. Hoven was presented under the direction of Professor Carstensen and with the assistance of many of Dr. Hoven's former students. The meal was prepared by "Chef" E. M. Eldridge and served under his direction. A highlight of the evening was the final dessert in the form of Dr. Hoven's latest book, "Notes on the Revelation," which came as a part of the banquet ticket cost.—Dr. Ross J. Griffeth.

New Missionaries Sail For India

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rempel and their boys, Dale and Dean, will sail from San Francisco, February 9, on the MS Borneo. They will be associated with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Rash, Leah E. Mosier and Dolly Chitwood, in the Church of Christ Mission to India, Kulpahar, U. P., India. We believe the plan is for Frank to be head of the school that the mission will be (or already is) conducting. The Rempels had hoped to be able to sail sooner, but were delayed in finding passage by the west coast shipping strike. They have been in Portland for some time, while making their final preparations to go. Marie (Mrs. Rempel) is the Living Link of the Central Christian Church in Portland. Frank is the Living Link of one of our churches in the East or Middle West—Carthage, Missouri, I believe. A newly organized mission band at Deer Island, N. B., has "spiritually adopted Dale and Dean and pledged to their support on the mission field." —J. Frank Cunningham.

A Message From the Hendricks

Kenneth and Grace Hendricks, well known to Oregon Churches, missionaries in Tokyo, Japan, are gratified over the fairly rapid post-war recovery of the land so recently a scene of indescribable devastation. A Christmas letter from them says: "We are especially pleased over the fine spirit of our Christian brethren and their increasingly successful efforts to advance the cause of Christian education and evangelism during these present years of unusual receptivity through the length and bredth of the country. We are more than pleased to see the progress of church building reconstruction, church and school repair and improvements in all of our four stations, Akita, Fukushima, Tokyo and Osaka.

"We wish we had words with which to describe more fully the joy that your packages bring to the needy. The deep appreciation for even the smallest gift touches our hearts. Many say, 'These wonderful demonstrations of Christian kindness and generosity have taught us a most important lesson. We will try to be worthy of such friendship.' And so we wish to say 'Thank you!' to every person who has had anything to do with preparing and sending parcels, or who in any way aided in the project. Our greatest regret is that we cannot pass on to you the joyful experiences that are ours as we see the happiness these things bring."

The Hendricks can now be addressed directly viz., K. C. Hendricks, "Tokyo Foreign Missionaries., APO 500, c/o P. M., San Francisco, California. Relief packages should be sent only to Sei Gakuin, Nakazato-cho, Kita-ku, Tokyo, Japan. Do NOT use the APO address of Dr. P. S. Mayer. They ask that these instructions be strictly followed; that no exceptions be made for any reason whatever.

The latest word from the China missionaries is that most of them will remain for the present. The Adsits, Mrs. Hubert Reynolds, and Mrs. Joseph Smith, all returned home with their children.—Mrs. Edna L. Burke.

Klamath Falls

Howard Hutchins has closed a five year ministry at Klamath Falls and is now installed as pastor at Oregon City. This is his second pastorate at Oregon City. Howard preached his farewell sermon January 23 with an almost capacity house, the Lion's Club occupying one entire section. On that day also the church dedicated a new pulpit desk with three chairs to the memory of C. S. Robertson, a former elder, and a new communion table with two chairs, to the memory of Mrs. R. H. Dunbar, a charter member. Both pieces are made from birch wood and cost $500. This was donated by friends. C. F. Swander, who organized the church in 1909, was present and assisted in the dedication as well as giving the evening message.

BURNS—Reports 1 confession and 3 added by statement in December. Lloyd Whitford is the pastor.

Dallas Meserve Called as Evangelist

A call was extended to Dallas Meserve to serve as field evangelist by the state executive committee of the Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood meeting at Harrisburg on Jan. 9. Dallas is currently completing a graduate course in Phillips University and plans to begin his work in the Boys' Camps during July and August. He will then enter the evangelistic work. While detailed plans have not been made, Mrs. Meserve will probably assist him.

Both are life-work recruits of the Central Christian Church of Portland, having entered Northwest Christian College from that church. They served the Dayton church in a student ministry and have done considerable work in Boys' Camps and in evangelistic meetings. They are serving the Medford, Oklahoma church at the present time.

Oregon fields are "white unto harvest" and these consecrated laborers will be welcomed as they come back "home".—Ed P. Dewees.

Okinawa Mission To Be Strengthened

The work of the young mission on the Island of Okinawa will soon be strengthened by the presence of Emeline Woodruff, wife of Harlan Woodruff. Harlan, formerly minister at Willamina, after several years of service in the U. S. Army chaplaincy, has for some time been on the Island of Okinawa constructing a home and getting things in readiness for Emeline's coming. However, he has not neglected to "do the work of an evangelist." He has been conducting a large number of classes, reaching from 1,500 to 2,000 persons a week. Part of his work has included visits to a leper colony. He has had a number of baptisms, including several hospital nurses. Okinawa is truly "ripe unto the harvest." Emeline plans to go by plane to join her husband as soon as her passport arrives. She is expecting it any time. She spent Sunday, January 30, with the church at Newberg where she spoke in the evening and showed slides of the Okinawa work. Emeline is the Living Link of the West Seattle Church. Harlan is the Living Link of the Newberg Church.

J. Frank Cunningham.

Religious Education Practicum

A "Northwest Christian Education Practicum" will be held on the N.C.C. campus May 2-13 under the direction of Miss Ruth Reynolds, Director of Children's Work, U.C.M.S. She will be assisted in the teaching by Mrs. Oakley Rhay and Miss Dorothy Mitchell. Mrs. Thelma Siefke is serving as Director. There will be morning and afternoon sessions. Details as to registration and program activities will be announced soon. Here is a special opportunity for those engaged in the children's departments of the Church School to get a short course in the technics of Christian teaching.—R.J.G.

Northwestern Christian Home

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Sup't
Ray C. Smith, Field Representative

Northwestern Christian Home at Beaverton is ten years old this year in May, being the healthy offspring of the union of the two Homes at Walla Walla and Eugene. Mrs. Hill has been the superintendent during these years and is largely responsible in co-operation with the Board of Supervisors for the many improvements that have been made to the property. Of the 23 who came from the other Homes and several others who came in during the first year, only four are left: Mrs. Josephine Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Drollonger and Mrs. Ruth Burgett.

Those on the sick list at this writing are Mrs. Burgett, Mrs. Way and Mrs. Dollinger. Mr. Wm. Staphensen of Bozeman, Montana, is expected to enter the HOME family about February first, increasing our male population to five.

Bro. J. Eric Carlson, General secretary of the N.B.A., was our guest the latter part of the month and attended the regular meeting of the board in January. He also took several pictures of the building and the rooms to be used in our publicity later on. Courtney Swander "s h o t" several views of the Christmas tree and will take more pictures in March.

The churches in the area have responded in a fine way so far this year with ten churches already reaching and passing the "Front Line" position by contributing $300 or more. In Oregon the following churches are already "Front Line"; Eugene, Roseburg, Medford First, Pendleton, Portland First, and Oregon City. Forty Oregon churches have already exceeded their total benevolent giving of last year, but about one third of the churches have not sent in their contributions so far. Church treasurers, please note.

Last year 11 Oregon churches were "Front Liners" and 20 were in the "Dollar per Member" class. Two churches, Athena and Salem Court St., made both achievements. Certificates have been awarded to them in recognition of the fine contribution they have made.

Your field representative will be supplying the pulpit at Great Falls, Montana, for several weeks until Bro. Glen Mell of Walla Walla is on the field, but will be carrying on the work of the HOME from that base. Again we say "Thanks" to all for the generous gifts received by "your other family" at Beaverton during and since the Christmas season.

Christian Unity Conference

An interdenominational conference on Christian Unity, "Beyond Amsterdam," will be held at the First Christian church, Portland, February 17, 18. We have a real task ahead in Oregon to bring about basic understandings in Protestantism. It will be a high light of the year if you would be present for every lecture. Of all peoples disciples of Christ should attend. Remember the date and place.

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Notes From The Diary Of The Secretary-Director

By Chas H. Addleman

Again the diary speaks and I will attempt to give an account of my stewardship to the churches of the state for the month of January. The week by week record reads like this: Preached at Carlton and attended their annual meeting, spoke at McMinnville, attended the State Board meeting, the home church annual meeting and assisted in two committee meetings, at-Christian minister's monthly breakfast meeting, Executive Committee meeting of the Crusade, the State Convention program committee, two State Youth Committee meetings in Salem, spoke at the Englewood Christian Church missionary meeting, three meetings of the Oregon Temperance League, the annual meeting of the Yamhill Church and brought the afternoon message, spoke at a union service in Albany sponsored by the State Council of Churches, West Oregon Young People's Conference set up meeting in Salem, preached at Kern Park Portland and awarded pins to the 52 who had a perfect attendance for 1948, attended my home church annual meeting and assisted in two committee meetings, attended and brought the message at the 25th Anniversary of the Vernonia church, a committee meeting on improvement of the Turner Grounds, attended the mortgage burning service at Astoria and brought the message, the United Evangelistic Advance conference with Dr. Jesse Bader, attended the Eastern Oregon Convention, Cove Young People's Conference and Pioneer Camp set up committees and preached at LaGrande while there, attended the District 90 and 9 Rally at Central in Portland, the Executive Committee of the Oregon Council of Churches, attended all the Preacher's Parliament in Eugene and held 5 special conferences with ministers, attended the set up meeting in Roseburg for the Bridge Young People's Conference and Pioneer Camp, preached at Canby and attended the 5th Sunday Rally of the Clackamas County churches, spoke at Multnomah and attended a committee meeting of the Oregon Christian. I spoke in 11 churches, there were 3 added by statement, traveled 1,971 miles, held 14 special office conferences and sent out 297 letters from the office.

Fifth Sunday Rally

The Clackamas County churches held their fifth Sunday rally at Canby on January 30. There was a good attendance. The complete payment for the Lake Grove lot was reported. C. F. Swander brought the message on "The Glorious Church."

Oregon Crusading

By Kenneth Johnston

"The Commission" and Methods

Our Saviour gave us a commission to "Preach the Gospel to every creature." This Gospel is clearly defined in the New Testament. But the methods of presenting the Gospel and helping new converts grow into "the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" are not so clearly defined. However, we accept the fact that the Church is no less responsible for the latter than for the first, and we conclude that God has left a great deal as to how the job shall be done to each local congregation. Church history reveals that congregations have largely accepted as being good and consistent with scripture, such ideas as: Sunday School, Youth programs, Women's programs, Men's programs, Bible Colleges and many others. Now any congregation has perfect right to dispense with any **one**, or all of these things. However, will not that congregation in the day of judgement be held responsible for not accepting what others have found to be good for the cause of Christ unless they can show a better program with better results?

"The Commission and the Crusade"

A Crusade For A Christian World offers help to all congregations in carrying out the great commission. That the churches of our brotherhood have found it to be good (even though only nineteen months old) is seen in the fact that more than 50% of our churches are already identified with this program and their reports are enthusiastic. The first year of the Crusade shows more baptisms than any other year for our people. A successful Crusade will do more for Bible Colleges, train more young people for Christian service, do more for missions, relief, benevolence, the Christian Family, local Church leaders, and win more souls than for any other similar period of our brotherhood. Any congregation accepting their Crusade goals will do **more** for Christ than at any other time of their existence! We repeat that any congregation may stay out of the Crusade, (without criticism from other Churches) but will not that congregation before God be responsible for not showing more fruit than what they could have shown through the Crusade?

"The Church and the Crusade

The Crusade is worthy of careful study and consideration by pastors, boards of elders, Church boards, and committees of every Church. Until this has been done this program has not been given a chance. It is conceivable that the suggested goals may need reviewing in some instances. We urge that this be done wherever necessary. As to whether the goals be raised or lowered is entirely up to each congregation. If a Church cannot accept all goals, then accept whatever you will, but the decision should be made in the light of the Crusading Spirit. We should set the highest possible standard and in every way possible, strive to meet that standard. Is a "peacetime" program and budget sufficient in our life and death struggle with sin? God forbid that ours should be a horse and buggy pace when the world we are to win is thinking in terms of the stratosphere!

The "Cause" and the Crusade

Every Church has received material listing those causes participating in the Crusade. It should be understood that each name on the list is a **part** of the Crusade — but is **not** the Crusade. The Crusade belongs to all who share in it. It does not belong to any **one** or any group of agencies. For instance, both N.C.C. and Unified Promotion agencies share in the financial part of the Crusade, — But the Crusade belongs to neither Unified Promotion, nor to N.C.C. But it does belong to one as much as to the other. A church giving directly to the Crusade gives to all, but a Church may designate part or all of its Crusade money to any cause sharing in the Crusade. The money may be sent direct to this cause, it need not go through Crusade offices. For instance, send your Crusade money to N.C.C., marked for the Crusade, and you will be given credit accordingly. This in no way identifies a Church with Unified Promotion or any other agency any more than sending money to some particular person in the Aleutian Islands. The facts are available to all, and they reveal without question, that the Crusade is a program for the good of all who will share in it, for the glory of God and to the building of His Kingdom!

"Compassion" and the Crusade

The Week of Compassion, February 20-27, is a part of the Crusade. Churches giving to this will receive Crusade credit. Every dollar will go directly to relief of devastated areas and hungry people, through Church World Service.

State Committee and the Crusade

Your Oregon Crusade Executive Committee; Kenneth Johnston, Dallas, chairman; Martin Kullowatz, 9053 S. W. 36th, Portland; Ray Smith, 4417 S. E. 76th Ave., Portland; Edna Burke, 1192 Jefferson, Eugene; Dr. Ross J. Griffeth, c/o N.C.C., Eugene; Charles Addleman, 7105 S. . Schiller, Portland; Mrs. Clarence Smith, 7052 N. Kirby St., Portland; Chester Farr, 1331 Central, Coos Bay; Ed Dewees, 9022 N. Mohawk, Portland; Arthur C. Bates, Silverton; Elery Parrish, 11437 N. E. Prescott, Portland; Lawrence M. Bixler, c/o N.C.C., Eugene; Leighton Dashiell, Rt. 1 Box 422, Dallas.

Women Attend National Conference

Mrs. C. C. Smith, Portland, state president and Mrs. Edna L. Burke, Executive Secretary, spent January 8-18 in a conference of state presidents and secretaries in Indiana. The meeting was called by Miss Jessie Trout, Director of Women's Missionary Organizations, for the purpose of studying our present program and formulating some plans to be put into operation following the Crusade. Almost every state in the Union was represented. Eight days were spent at Turkey Run State Park Inn, Marshall, Indiana, and two days visiting the Missions Building and becoming better acquainted with missionary organizations personnel, methods and materials.

What a busy place! The Missions Building houses a chapel, offices, post office, library, book store, conference rooms and a tiny but convenient kitchen. As one is shown about he is impressed with the friendly spirit of all, from the president down. There is quiet orderliness in evidence in all departments; things are not left to chance. One has a feeling of pride in knowing that the business of the King of Kings is being cared for decently and in order.

Turkey Run State Park is one of a series of state parks of which Indiana is justly proud. It is located on the Sugar River about 70 miles northwest of Indianapolis, near Waveland. It covers several hundred acres some of which is cleared, landscaped and in lawn; other parts are wooded and in the natural state. Picnic spots, tennis courts and other recreational facilities are provided. The Inn, situated on the bank of sugar River, resembles a big hotel. It is rustic in appearance both in and out. A huge lobby, dining room and kitchen are on the first floor; sleeping rooms on the second floor. It will accommodate about 200 guests. It is a very popular and suitable place for church groups who need to get away by themelves to do serious thinking and planning Many people use it for a convenient stopping place for overnight when travelling. The food is excellent and no liquor is served at any time.

It was our privilege to have a visit with Miss Marie Johnson, missionary candidate for the African field. Eva Marie was a member of last year's graduating class at N.C.C. At present she is doing secretarial work in the Missions Building, thus acquiring the practical training necessary to her work in Coquilhatville, Belgian Congo, where she will be in the office. She will sail in March.

Among other former residents of Oregon whom we saw were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fiscus and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Tiffan. Mr. Fiscus was instructor at N.C.C. for several years and then became pastor of Eugene First Church. The past three years he has been studying for his Doctor's degree at Overdale College, Cambridge, England. At present he is living at Enid, Oklahoma. He plans to hold a meeting at Dallas in April. Mr. Tiffan is taking graduate work at Butler University.—Mrs. Edna L. Burke.

Lending Library

We feel that the lending library in the State Office may be an item of interest to many of the churches and individuals in the state. There are approximately four hundred volumes in this library and they are available for a period of one month. These books are largely in the field of Christian Education, and would be helpful and instructive to the average teacher and layman.

Recently, three complimentary copies were presented to the library by the Bethany Press: Mabel A Niedermeyer's new devotional book for Juniors, SOME TIME EVERY DAY; Harry C. Munro's distinctive, BE GLAD YOU'RE A PROTESTANT; and the new and complete history of the Brotherhood: DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, A HISTORY, by W. E. Garrison and Alfred T. DeGrott.

Preachers Parliament

The Oregon Preachers Parliament was well attended despite the unfavorable weather. The college chapel was generally filled during the day sessions, and the evening sessions were attended by more than 400 persons each evening. The lectures by Dr. D. E. Walker on "Ministering the Gospel of God" were well received. It is hoped that these lectures may be published by some large publishing house that has extensive distributing facilities. If not, the N.C.C. will seek to make them available. It will be several months before these lectures can be gotten in print. —R.J.G.

Dr. McGavran Will Sail

A recent letter from Dr. Donald McGavran, bearing the date line, "The Oregon Mail, Tacoma, Washington, January 9, 1949," writes in part as follows: "After a good many postponements and delays we are finally aboard and the ship is due to sail 'positively' at 6 p.m., about four hours from now. . . These delays (the original date was December 20) have been absolutely providential for us. Both of our girls came down with chicken-pox at Christmas, and had the ship left on the 30th, Mary and the girls would have been left behind. You can imagine the anxiety with which we watched every day pass, and wondered if the chicken-pox would be sufficiently cleared up to allow them to sail. Fortunately, by today every possible source of infection has cleared up. We sail with a cargo of army flour direct to Japan, passing within a couple hundred miles of the Aleutians on the way. We will be at Yokahama for three days and then on to Manila. . . The equipment, including 200 pounds of paper from the church at Camas, Washington, and the great mill there, is in the hold. The paper will provide material on which to print the Chhattisgarhi gospels which are translated but in manuscript ever since we left India pending the time when paper would be available. We shall try to be good representatives of the church and our Lord, and to help build His church in India. Please continue in prayer for us. Col. 1:19,20."

Many Oregon Churches have been blessed in recent weeks by the presence and messages of these splendid Christian missionaries who have done outstanding work in India in the field of evangelism and education over a period of more than 20 years. The technicolor religious film, "Constrained by Love," depicts Dr. McGavran and his associates at work in India.—Mrs. Edna L. Burke.

Kweiyang Church Has 25 Members

An article in the China Christian Mission News, bearing the above heading, tells of the rapid growth of a young church at Kweiyang under the leadership of Gladys Sjodin. There are now 25 resident and 4 non-resident members. Mrs. Sjodin, a graduate of Northwest Christian College, is proving herself a very versatile and capable missionary. In another article in the above mentioned China Christian Mission News she mentions performing the wedding ceremony for Mr. Chien Ting Kwan, one of the Christians in Shanghai. A picture in the same paper shows her performing a baptismal service.

Rolland Sjodin, who did considerable schooling after going to China, and was working in Shanghai, has gone to rejoin Mrs. Sjodin at Kweiyang, or will be going soon. The war in the eastern part of China renders this more advisable. —J. F. Cunningham.

Vernonia

On January 14 the Church celebrated its 25th anniversary with a fine dinner and good program. C. H. Addleman, state secretary, brought the principal message. Mrs. Ethel Ray gave a church history, and greetings were extended by variaus persons. This church has had a splendid record. G. Wm. Anderson is the pastor.

Eastern Oregon Men Gather

By Ed P. Dewees

A series of three Ninety and Nine rallies were held in as many districts of the Eastern Area, beginning with a rally of the "Blue Mountain" district at Pendleton on January 17. Over 60 men were present for the fellowship dinner, with C. Paul Moore, Sr. offering thanks. The program opened with a song by a Pendleton trio. Business considered included a report on state plans by Ed Beem, state vice-president and an offering was received for the state work.

The nominating committee appointed at the Athena rally in November, reported and the following officers were elected: Carl Moon of Milton, President; Guy Wrinkle of Milton, Vice-president; Rodney Rogers of Pendleton, Secretary; Errol Harris of Pendleton, Treasurer; and C. Paul Moore, Sr., of Athena, Pastor-Adviser. Elery Parrish brought the message and Albert Kribs, Hermiston pastor, the prayer of benediction.

On Tuesday, January 18, a rally was held at Ontario with 47 present from six churches, including men from the Payette and Weiser churches in Idaho. Don Maxfield, minister of the Nyssa church, offered thanks at the dinner table. and Joe Jewett, pastor-adviser of the Eastern Area presided over the business meeting. Ed Beem gave the state report and an offering was received. The need of the Nyssa church for building assistance was spoken of. Elery Parrish was guest speaker.

The third rally was held at Wallowa on January 20. The meeting opened with a song service, followed by the invocation by J. L. Schaefer, of Enterprise. Ed Beem conducted the business meeting, after which O. W. Jones, host pastor, read the scripture. Elery Parrish brought the message and Harvey Abercrombie, minister of the Elgin church pronounced the benediction. The ladies of the church provided refreshments at the close of the meeting.

A meeting of the Eastern Oregon officers is planned for February 20 at La Grande to consider further work.

Student Houses

The support for student houses on the campuses of University of Oregon and Oregon State College is reported as follows:

Eugene First	$1,100.00
Portland First	550.00
Corvallis	340.00
Salem First	215.00
Lebanon	100.00
Medford First	45.00
Multnomah	35.00
Goshen	35.00
Thurston	25.00

The Eugene First Church is launching out on faith in the support of Mrs. Dulcina Brown Elliott as a campus worker by March 1. The support of these programs is quite as much a responsibility of the churches of the state as it is of the Churches at Eugene and Corvallis. Assistance will be gladly received.

Milwaukie

C. F. Swander bagan a supply ministry on Januaay 30 to continue until a permanent pastor is located. They observed Youth Week, January 30 to February 6, with a message on youth work at both morning services and the evening services conducted by the young people.

Hansons Return From Philippines

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanson, son-in-law and daughter of Mrs. Leslie Wolf, plan to return soon to the States. In the fall of 1946 they responded to a call for immediate assistance in the work of the Philippine Mission Churches of Christ. They volunteered for a two year emergency mission term. Due to an illness which the doctor diagnosed as a condition that could not long be tolerated in the tropics, they plan to return at the end of the two years; before the hot, dry weather arrives in the Philippines. On the day before Thanksgiving they received a gift designated to cover their travel expense home. Any other funds sent for their travel expense is being turned into the general current expense account of the mission. Following is a quotation from a recent letter from them: "Looking back on our two years of service here we feel that although they have been far the most exacting of our lives, still in many ways they have been the most satisfying. Of all our ministries of the past it seems to us that these two years may have counted more in souls reached for the kingdom. We are, of course, reluctant to leave such a glorious work, but we do honestly feel that our task is done and that your support can now much better go directly to the support of trained native preachers and evangelists whose task it is to reach their own people. Believe me, the work here is worthy of your continued prayers and support, for it remains, as it has always been, THE LORD'S WORK, which you are making possible." —J. Frank Cunningham.

Osaka Mission Has Great Year

The Osaka Christian Mission, in Osaka, Japan, reports a "wonderful year of victories for Christ" in 1948: two new churches established, 73 baptisms, and one new building erected. This building is the Asahi Church in Osaka, the first of the rebuilding projects to be completed since the war. The dedication service took place on January 25. Paul Neilson made a trip to the southern island of Kyushu to visit a congregation established by one of our chaplains, Chaplain Cook. There he found an active work, and baptized 11 people. Mr. Ikemiyage, Seminary student of many months, began a Bible School in his home several months ago. As a result of this work he recently baptized 25 young people. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Beckman arrived at the home of Harold Cole on New Year's eve; having gone from the United States to join forces with Mr. and Mrs. Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neilson, who were already on the field. Incidentally, Harold Cole is the Living Link of the Willamina, Oregon Church, and Mrs. Cole (Leone) of the church at Athena. —J. F. Cunningham.

Stewardship

During the weeks included in the dates May 10 to 20 Dr. L. N. D. Wells will be on the campus to teach a course in Christian stewardship and also to give instruction in pastoral work. This will be a part of courses now regularly given at N.C.C. but college credit for one hour will be given to any who wish to take the work offered during the two weeks by Dr. Wells who will also complete required asignments. The regular fee for one hour of credit, $3.50, will be the cost to those taking the work as special students.—Ross J. Griffeth.

Corvallis Men Hosts

The January 24 rally of the South Willamette Ninety and Nine district was held at Corvallis with 113 men present. Lebanon took attendance honors with 42 present. After a fine dinner served by the Fireside Guild of the church, the program was presented in the sanctuary. Lynnton Elwell, Lebanon minister, led a fine song service of old favorite hymns, accompanied by Mrs. Opal Johnson, church organist. Donald Payne, host pastor, gave the invocation. Miss Marilyn Powell, also of the host church, sang two fine solos.

President E. W. Blehm conducted a short business meeting in which the district approved the plan to purchase another car for use in the state field work. The report on the state work was given by Ed Dewees. A goal of $1000 for the state budget was approved, and the invitation of the Scio church to entertain the March 28 rally was accepted.

Dr. T. M. White gave a short interpretation of the parable of the Ninety and Nine and four men of the Harrisburg church demonstrated a call in a home in the interest of personal evangelism. H. L. Turley, secretary of the Pension Fund, was guest speaker and brought a challenge on the theme, "Oil for Our Lamps." Dale Sherwood, pastor-adviser of the Willamette Area, gave the benediction. —Ed P. Dewees.

Easter Offerings

April 17 is Easter Sunday. Every church takes a special offering on that day. This offering, if sent to Unified Promotion, will be used for evangelism, Church Extension, aged ministers and missionaries, and rural church life. Free materials may be had for the asking by sending to Unified Promotion, Box 5636, Irvington Station, Indianapolis 19, Indiana. Take the offering for missions and send it where you think best.

Eugene First

The annual report showed a current expense of $27,933.30, and a missionary budget of $25,308.97. This is almost "as much for others as for self." Congratulations! Hugh N. McCallum is pastor.

Student Work

The First Christian Church in Eugene has secured Mrs. Dulcina Brown Elliott as a student worker, beginning March 1. There are about 400 students that signed up for the Christian Church. Action is under way to get a student house. We hope this succeeds.

Bartel Speaks

State president I. J. (Ike) Bartel addressed the January 24 rally of the Northwest district Ninety and Nine at the Portland Central Christian Church. Floyd Shaw, district president, had marshalled the preachers present to bring an impromptu special number and Brother Bartel commented that none of them had probably faced 17 preachers on the front row of the congregation in their first assignment to address such a meeting.

Total attendance at the rally was near 250 with the home church safely defending its honor by having 100 present. The March 28 rally of the district is scheduled for Parkrose, the first to be held in the new church.

—Ed P. Dewees.

100 Attend Tillamook Rally

The Coast District Ninety and Nine rally was held at Tillamook on January 14. Ladies were invited as guests with total attendance of 100. Chowder, salad, and apple pie (with cheese, of course) in ample quantities satisfied the physical man and a lively program provided mental and spiritual inspiration. Lee Doty led in chorus singing and the local male quartet gave special numbers. Mrs. Lee Mitchell played an accordion solo.

President A. J. Swett called a brief business meeting in which an offering was received for the district budget and a report was made on the state work. Following the business a local ladies trio sang a special arrangement of the "Ninety and Nine". The message of the evening was given by David Byerlee, missionary to the Belgian Congo field and presently on furlough. —Ed P. Dewees.

Gone On Before

We have been saddened to learn of the passing on January 30 of Mrs. Sam H. Kimball at the age of 55 years. She was a loyal member of the church at Sweet Home where she had lived for many years. She leaves a husband and children to mourn her. The last services were conducted by Orville Mick, Lebanon, on February 2 and she was buried in the cemetary at Lebanon. Our sympathy goes out to Sam and his children.

Walter Wills

Just as we close up copy word comes that Walter Wills, a staunch pillar of the Carlton Church, passed away in a Portland hospital on January 30. He is survived by a daughter in the East. As elder and Sunday School Superintendent he left an enduring monument to his name. We missed him on our annual visit there, and we shall ever miss him no matter how many times we go back to the little church.

A Request

Your **Christian Evangelist** reporter is very anxious to send accurate news regarding the many activities of Oregon churches. You may materially assist by putting him on your mailing list. When a church publication is mailed to your membership send an extra copy to the undersigned. I would appreciate particularly the baptisms. Your cooperation will make the Brotherhood aware of the activities in Oregon.—Myron C. Cole. 721 S.W. Columbia St. Portland 1, Oregon.

Astoria

This victorious church burned its mortgage on January 16. They have discharged an indebtedness of $25,000 in three years. The State Secretary, C. H. Addleman, brought the message; and Maurice Wilson, Roy Cole and C. F. Swander incinerated the note. The work is going well under the leadership of Clifford Snyder. They have a building they are justly proud of.

Willamina

There were 51 additions to the church in 1948, 32 of which were baptisms. A three weeks meeting by Gene and Verna Chamberlain, state evangelists, resulted in 7 additions. Total receipts for all purposes were $7,058.35 of which $1,626.24 was for missions. Leo Woodruff is the pastor.

Week of Compassion

February 20-27, 1949

The theme for the Week of Compassion this year is "They Still Need Us." Never before in the history of the world has such large groups of people been hovering on the verge of death. Christian people must make an extra effort this year to relieve the situation. Every church in Oregon should respond to this appeal. You may not believe in some missionary agencies, but you must believe in the relief of human suffering. Besides, you may get credit on your Crusade goal for this offering. Send it to "Crusade for A Christian World", Box 5636, Indianapolis 19, Indiana.

Gladstone

Observed Christian Education Sunday January 16 with George Knox, a N.C.C. student preaching a fine message. Special music was provided by Glen Lyda, of Nampa, Idaho, and Robert Hamm, of Buhl, Idaho. One added by transfer at the morning service. Two were added by transfer on January 2, and 2 elders and 5 deacons were ordained also.

Newberg

The annual meeting was held on December 31. Reports showed attendance at Bible School, 269; morning worship, 211; Christian Endeavor, 46; Sunday evening, 104; mid-week, 41; 42 baptisms and 23 by statement; financial receipts $19,226.68, of which $3,972.15 was for missions. Closed the year with a balance of $2,972.15. J. F. Cunningham is pastor.

Y. P. CONFERENCE PARTY

The regular bi-monthly party for all conference young people and their friends will be held at the First Christian Church in Portland on February 18. Supper will be served at 6:30, 75¢ per plate. The evening will be spent in games, fellowship and worship. Send your reservation to Clay J. Pomeroy, 721 S.W. Columbia St., Portland 1, Oregon.

The Revelation

"Notes on The Revelation" by Dr. V. E. Hoven has been printed by Northwest Christian College and is now available at $1.00 per copy. This book is paper bound, and is 78 pages in length. It is excellently adapted for use by Bible study groups that wish to secure a guide to the last book of the Bible. Send orders to Northwest Christian College.—R. J. G.

Yamhill

The annual meeting was held on January 9. The report showed 22 baptisms and 4 by transfer; furnace indebtedness liquidated; men organized into a "99"; sent 10 boys to Wi-Ne-Ma where 5 made the good confession; Bible School averaged 124; sent 2 goats to Japan; missions and benevolences $702.39; resident membership 126. C. F. Swander brought the morning message and C. H. Addleman, state secretary, the afternoon message. Ralph L. Putnam is pastor.

Portland Central

The church has had the privilege of a visit from their living link missionary, the Rempels, missionaries to India. J. Earl Ladd is the pastor.

"Gateways To New Life"

This is the theme of the Pre-Easter Evangelistic project. This project suggests several avenues through which any church may find new life: Membership reconsecration, Visitation evangelism, Doctrinal preaching and Spiritual enlargement. The Week of Membership Reconsecration is March 20-27 with the slogan, "Every Member Present or Accounted for." The Week of Visitation Evangelism is March 27-April 3, and is followed by the Week of Doctrinal Preaching April 3-10. The Week of Spiritual Enrichment, April 10-17, is designed to give a better understanding of the ordinances of the church. Copies of the program may be had by sending to the United Society 222 S. Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana.

Year Book

The state office has a number of 1948 year books for sale. They are $2 each. Send to C. H. Addleman, state secretary, 512 Panama Building, Portland 4, Oregon.

Ministers Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Christian ministers of Portland and vicinity will be held at 5:30, February 22, 1949, in the dining room at the Y.M.C.A., Portland. Ministers from the state are invited.

MEDFORD—There were 5 confessions and 4 added by statement in december and January. Holly Roy Jarvis, pastor.

Milton

The church is still showing an increase incident to the visit of C. H. Addleman, state secretary, in October. We are looking forward to the meeting by Gene Chamberlain beginning February 20. Christian Education Sunday was observed on January 16 with Prof. Wm. Siefke as speaker. The Helping Hand Storeroom has distributed over 1,000 garments to the needy of the community. Eleven men attended the "99" district rally at Pendletor on January 17 and Guy Wrinkle was elected president. Dale Whitman has resigned as clerk of the Church Board after 30 year's service, in which time he missed only 4 meetings of the board. On February 11 the Congo Circle will serve a Valentine luncheon, the proceeds of which will be used to support a native evangelist in Africa. Mrs. Irene Warner, Correspondent.

WALTON—The recent meeting by B. Ross Evans resulted in 2 baptisms and 1 by statement.

Sheridan

Geo. B Forrester has resigned from the pulpit at Sheridan, effectively immediately. Wallace Jones, Newberg, is supplying the pulpit.

Roseburg

There were two confessions of faith and one transferred from the Baptist Church on January 23. Kenneth W. Knox is the pastor.

Bob Hannon

The First Church of Portland mourns the death of Bob Hannon, one of the promising young men of the congregation. He met with accident while skiing and died as a result.

Amity Host Church

The regular rally of the Yamhill district Ninety and Nine was held at Amity on January 17. Total attendance was 115 or more with the dining room crowded at the first serving and a number waiting for the second table. However, the Amity Sisterhood had provided plenty of fine food and to spare.

The program of the evening featured numbers by local talent, including orchestral pieces, and accordion solo by Thad Stephens, and a number by a ladies' quartet (Mrs. Roy Kirkwood and three daughters). In the business meeting new officers for the year were installed by Ray Smith, former pastor at Amity and field representative of Northwestern Christian Home. President Vic Emmons then conducted the regular business of the district. A report was given on the state work and action was taken approving the plan to raise money to replace the state car lost last year by accident.

Gilbert Carey, new pastor of the Turner church, brought a timely message from the prophet Micah preceding the business meeting. The March 21 rally will be held at Carlton.

—Ed P. Dewees.

Noti

Gene and Verna Chamberlain, state evangelists, closed a meeting at Noti with 8 confessions (not yet baptized when the meeting closed) and 2 by statement. Benefits otherwise in the meeting were apparent.

Sellwood

A reception was tended to Freeman Yardley and family on the evening of February 1 as the new pastor of the church. A large attendance was present and the outlook for the church is good.

Mallory Avenue

March 6 is the date set for the dedication of the new building. This is the culmination of the dreams of more than 20 years. It has been a long, hard struggle, but the church has never wavered in its hopes. Wm. Pearcy, Executive Secretary of the Church Extension Board, will be present for the principal address. Hubert E. Sias is the pastor.

Salem First

The First Church in Salem broke ground for their new building on February 1 with suitable ceremony. They will begin the erection of a several hundred thousand dollar building in the spring. The old building has served its purpose well, but must now give place to the new. Dudley Strain is the hard working pastor.

Pastors' Conference

The annual interdenominational state pastors conference will be held in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland, February 21-23. The church is located at 1624 N. E. Hancock Street. It is hoped that a goodly number of our preachers will be present.

Spring Vacation

The Northwest Christian College spring vacation will be March 19-27. The spring term will open on March 28. —R.J.G.